IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2622 Weize Xu Confirmation No.: 4239 Examiner: Cutler, Albert H. AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING DARK REFERENCE SIGNALS FOR DARK REFERENCE **PIXELS** Serial No. 10/699,758 Filed 03 November 2003 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450 Sir: REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 (a) Previously submitted (i) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously (ii) filed on (iii) Other (b) Enclosed Amendment/Reply (ii) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) (iii) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other Extension of Time (2 months) (iv) 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested (a) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) of a period of months.. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) Other (b) 3. Fees The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any additional X filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, or credit any overpayments to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) 4. Extension of time fee (37 CFR § 1.136 and 1.117) Respectfully submitted,

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